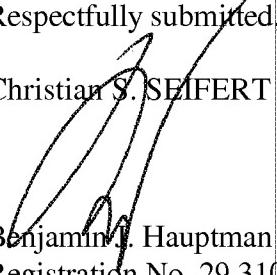


REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 2 is canceled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-24 are pending in this application. Entry of the amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendment places the application in better form for appeal. Entry of the amendment is thus respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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